~~My Copper~~

My "~~affair~~" ~~With~~ love for a Copper Cent.

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In ~~#~~ reading past issues of "Pennywise" there have been many stories of startling discoveries of rare varieties and occasional reference to their subsequent history. ~~There have has also~~ There have also been articles ~~WHAT~~ ~~as to~~ as to What ~~has~~ transformed a Normal Human being into an avid die Variety Collector accured that with a Coin collection

Whose absorption into his collection has been the subject of discussion by his family and friends

At the Recent ANA Convention in Miami an ~~unusual~~ event ~~accured~~ occured in my life in which a ~~Sheldon 15~~ Copper cent plays a Prominent Part. So I must go back in time.

In 1949 I acquired a date set of large Cents from a Washington DC dealer Being the usual "fill the hole" type of Collector I acquired a set of Raymond Pages and Placed my set in them There were a Number of blank holes which I set out to fill. The tough one was the 1793 Liberty Cap but eventually I acquired one from another Washington DC. dealer. It had cost $40 and its Condition was rather low but

I Considered it Well Worth the Price. Shortly thereafter I acquired a Copy of Sheldons New Word *Early American Cents* and set out to Classify my Cents by Variety from 1793 through 1814.

Much to My great surprise and amazement my Worn 1793 Liberty Cap turned out to be a Sheldon 15, "An aristocrat of aristocrats" to quote the doctor. This did it I was transformed into an avid die Variety Collector. and my interests Were in both Large Cents and Half Cents

In those days there was NO EAC or "Pennywise" ~~also being in my e~~ ~~and the information was~~ and With the exception of Dr Sheldon book most information and Coins ~~was a~~ seemed to be Closely guarded secrets. Just the same I kept on. Being in my mid 20's I ~~also~~ and starting a family

I was also hampered by lack of funds to Purchase a great deal of What I may have Wanted. My family had to Come first. So it was that in 1953 My family won out I had to Part with my Sheldon 15 Her leaving was the source ~~may~~ many regrets but I knew ~~she~~ she ~~had a~~ would have a Very good home in the Collection of someone who would appreciate her saw What she was as a die Variety but the New owner Would Never know What she Meant to Me.

As the years went by I turned my interests to Other Collector field but the Memory of My Sheldon 15 was always with me. She ~~Meant far more to me~~ I thought, Some day if I'm lucky ~~it thought~~ I'll be able to get her back. Just how and when I didn't know mabey it was an idle dream ~~or a Rhetorical~~ question

By 1972 Many other + things in my life had changed but My Coin was still ~~just~~ where she had been since 1953 and any hope of ever OWNING ~~seeing~~ her ~~it~~ again was ~~was~~ Just the same as before. However at the ANA Convention in New Orleans. Denis Loring Came up to Me and said "I have an Old friend of yours here." There she was!, but What Chance did I have of ever owning her again?. Here was another avid die Variety Collector, Would it be another 19 years?

This spring a startling event occurred Loring had sold his Collection! Now mabey I would get a chance ~~If you don't~~ I didn't want to seem overanxious but ~~so~~ I Wondered. Who would be the New owner. The June 12 issue of Coin World had an ad for my Coin. The Price? "WOW" but I ~~set out to~~ set a Price I was Willing to Pay but didn't convey it to the dealer who had it. The asking Price was such that I knew that time should ~~would~~ Play into my hand. The July 15th issue of Penny Wise also had my Coin offered ~~Mentioned~~ so I tried to call. There was No answer

I arrived at Mecanic on Friday evening Perhaps my car had been sold earlier in the the week. I was quite ~~[illegible]~~ anxious.

Saturday August 17th Was my day. after short Negotiation I had my car ~~and the price~~ ~~I set~~ so after 21 years of separation I have been reunited with the car that started it all.